ARTS AT THE FAIR

Mechanics Leads Them All With a Great Display.

WONDERS AND MIRACLES.

What Has Been Accomplished in Selence, Physics and Mathematics Since the Time of Columbus.

Which is the resistant of the arts as proved by this great exhibition? I abould say that mechanics still led all the arts. About everything we have found out in astronomy and physics strengthens the view of Galileo and Keppier, that the mechanical motions panut be known first before anything can be demonstrated. Mathematics is but the key to mechanics. The law of gravity is only one of the findings, and subsequent astronomy has meshades for its groundwork. Given the inducace of bodies upon each other, their size, density, etc. and the figure they describe in their motion will be known. The deflection of a distant body without a visible cause indicates an invisible cause, but that is still another star, which forthwith we seek with our telescopes to ascertain, and thus our brethren of the planets have sismutimes been discovered only because we felt their influence and had never seen their face. Energy, the law of the universe, is also the law of this exhibition. The still paintings, even those which seem to have the least energy. like those of the French artist Millet, required all the energy of his being to make them. The immense ninchines invented for steam, electricity and hydraulies and power testify to the same great fact, that the world is a mechanism and a mechanic together. Perhaps the greatest triumphs in this exhibition and evidence of man's progress are the telescopic materials and those having reference to optics, which as a science, is but the lamp to diadless hidden mechanism to us. All the grouping of Spinoza and many more to defy the gigantic forces in nature, without personifying them, seems to still move toward the source of

Hore is a city standing by these triumphs of art and science, which is suggestive to us of the failure of all great cities in the past to do more than record knowledge and leave it. The multitude in Chicago, like the multitude in Ephesus, and everywhore, knows but a smatter of all this knowledge, and goes on pursuing its object, which is to give it subsistence, pleasure and excitement. Yet the force of the exhibition upon such a positionie must be greater than any force we have known in the The oldest university in the world is said to be eight hundred years old. Here is an exhibition whose first motern predecessor was communed only about forty years ago.

One execut help feeling, as he looks around upon these triumphs and messeres his own comprehension of them and that of his immediate neighbors, that discipline and freedom are hand in hand; that freedom without discipline is a very willful possession, like a man traveling with a wild beast, and that discipline without freedom brings intolerance, almost equal to the forms of intolerance with which knowledge has been contend-

The utility of nations makes a study as we look through this fair. The nations here appear to better advantage than almost anywhere, because none of them, unless it be little Chill, or wene dyspeptic power which has drunk blood, does not come here to compete, At the last French exhibition the Germans put in a poor appearance. Germany and France are here side by side, in equal favor with our people. It is manifest that Europe has a disease it will be a long time being cured of, and



WHAT THEY DO WHEN TINED.

that is international jealousy. This is shown by the popularity of a beater power for the time being. When Framos was mixing in with the quarreland all other states, as in the Crimeen war, and the Italian war, and the Mexican war, not all the enlightsummers of Column could make her perplay to England; but when she is busies to hefread her, plainly proving that Errors cannot hour to see any one parwer bond dimension.

It is mantfest that such of the Borrs pean re-mere has a jealousy of foreign minigration. We almost alone, of the greater powers, continue to receive people of all nations. But we are not In the sense of Europe a fixed nation one have be more potent than our com | The Many Interesting Exhibits It reservial opations. It masters everything in the country. We are still short of people to equip the immense empire we have below. In herall and this is above to the etenogrant prices which pervisit. I smin-retund that the agreet girls of the Chicago, lovely of the limit specifity are paid twenty five follows & It was said thefing the open ing weeks of the exhibition that norsmer carpenters composited for dollars a stay. This police of living by a reconthe resolute with wheat and heat and Bide in natroomforacy; als deflace a day. Remposted by the leading belok of

Odenies, which are eary married.
No calculation in the history of the the idea of manifold as much as this naw if and not as it is now." son. Colonylose was the fearner and | f was satisfied with this explanation.

the learnest. He was the navigator of physics, the only man who, up to his time, had ever loft his own element to accertain anything. The astronomers stuck to their towers on the ground and saw the stars, but Columbus left the shore and hunted for a scientific the above and hunted for a scientific idea. And, expecting only to reach the opposite side of Europe, which is a peninsula of Asia, he reached the lone-some half of the globe, something like the Dutch doctor whom I once knew in eastern Pennayivania, who attended a very poor man and his wife, who was in the habit of presenting him at every natal occasion with at least two offspring On this particular occasion

MOTICE - ANY VANEAR IN OUR COUNTRY WE CAN HANDLE & MORLOS FAIR.

the poor man got down in the corner and prayed that his wife would this time stop with one child. "Your pray-ing, Jacob, has no luck this time." said the doctor. After a pause, when Jacob had ended his prayer with a short oath, the doctor said: "Jacob, Mary has exceeded herself this time; she has triplets." "Well," said Jacob, rising up, now thoroughly mad, "dey got to be daken gare of somehow, but I sha'n't do it."

A very little learning discovered America: it is possible that Columbus went to school at Pavis, just north of Genoa, for a time as an academician around its university. Even that was enough to point his bark to the west. The Pole who made up his mind to study the solar system and come to some fixed conclusions about it was pretty well grown when Columbus died, and he made America the stepplug stone to that complete rearrangement of sun, moon, planets and stars which not to know would make all other knowledge guesswork.

The exhibition previous to this in revolution, which overthrew the feudal idea in Europe. The French revolution, however, in spite of its benefits, has not brought universal conviction to men that freedom is good for every race. Where freedom as an experiment is tried in freedom of space, as in the United States, thirteen years previons to the French revolution, the resalt is more satisfactory. Our exhibi-tion in 1876 was successful enough to make the present one a still greater endeavor and triumph. I have thought, as I have looked about this exhibition and the city which possesses it, that perhaps ,we can get our greatest ensouragement as a nation from the fact that we can handle such lumense organizations

Not one of the men concerned in this exhibition had any previous reputa-

The exhibition of 1876 was put in the hands of a Cincinnati merchant who had been experienced in making local exhibitions in his own city. Allied with him were some Philadelphians of practical experience as builders, merchants, financiers and politicians. It is a singular fact that Mr. Grosshorn has been the most emphatie in his indorsement of the Chicaro exhibition, and that Philadelphia has been the most decided of any of the eastern commonwealths, outside of New England, in coming to the support of this fair. It is probable that each growing city in America could with ease discover among its citizens men who could have made a fair like this. I am reminded of what Atterney General Williams once said to me about public men: "We often say that if such a man had not been found the public services he rendered could not have been done, whereas, back where he lived, in bisown town, were half a dozen men who would have been just as successful as himself if they had happened to be called

It is a respectable thought that the United States has so absorbed the lesson of self-help, and has so much imagination when practical things are brought to its mind, that anywhere in our country we can handle a world's fair. Chicago obtained the world's fair this time because of her superior orgardzation to get it, in the legislative halls. In the law of development the went was entitled to a fair. Other eltles had inferior facilities and perhaps an inferior climate, and that one which has so often been chosen for national conventions carried the fair away from the east.

Shall world's fairs in the future be based upon an idea, or merely upon the mercantile spirit?

I should think that a great occasion for the next fair would be the anniversary of the work of Copernious. We have already celebrated Washington. Columbus, Voltaire. The bles which should bring the world together next time can be more entral yet. He who menanded us to our minir place among the sinnetannel stars, and therebeaten by tormany the other powers | Et, by rebusing our egotism, taught my the weakyess of all knowledge somnamed to the facts of unture not to be Incovered, was a muster entry. It seems that Coperaleus no more than Columbus was a time of genius. But its had every one of them espied, much genius in our day only moses disci- larger than it was out there, by artists plined, concentrated endes

RABIDA IN CHICAGO.

Contains I might innerence by a reaming interriew how knowledge has accorapanied the Columbian about

Not many persons have been to the convent of Babida, near Paice, in Spain. Haring the last of the eyes somewhat, I made that journey only a year airs, as that my recollections of Eablila are very fresh. Whom I was the Rabida concent in Chicago, I said to Mr. W. E. Curtiss, one of the active

leaders who got it up: Except the chapel and the patio or doubled storted court. I do not recognon-much here.

Woll," said Mr Lording "we have world liftight; the here giveted upon; basis flatida as it was when Columbus

It seems that the comments It seems that the commentement of Rabida convent was very far in antiquity. One account says that in the time of Emperor Trajan, who was born, I think, in Spain, Rabida was put up as a temple to Proscrpine, as a nort of shrine for Trajan's deceased daughter. It is said that criminals could escape to this temple and be safe, and that virgins were sacrificed on its altar by the diviners. If such is the case, it was as inhuman a temple as that in Mex-ico which Cortes found, and where the priests, on stones, mutilated and viviested maidens and warriors, According to the store, this church is very nearly as old as Jesus, for some Christian monks took it in the year 159, and when the Moslems came in, seven hun-dred years after Jesus, they made it one of their mosques, and then sold it to the Christians to worship, by pay-ing money for the privilege. The ing money for the privilege. The Knighta Templar used it, and when they were dispossessed all over Euairs and had too much treasure other monks, and finally the Franciscans. took the convent. It thus seems to have a continuous history from the second century of the Christian cra down to 1865, when the monks of St. Francis were disseminated on account of cating too much for the good of Spain After Napoleon got possession of France his mother-in-law thought Rabida would be a good place to put

some of Napoleon's restorative money.

for Napoleon was rebuilding, through

sister of the queen of Spain, the

duchess of Montpensier, had a French

husband, who considered that he

might have a chance to govern the

land, and he wanted to do some-thing popular. So Rabida was ha-bilitated, paintings put in it and given the appearance which I saw last spring. As near as I can remember, the essential difference

between the convent there and here

is in a number of side walls or yards

being put upon the original convent,

a veranda or loggia opened toward the

ocean, and the cupola heightened.

The convent here is not very much to

see outside; it does not stand on suf-

ficiently high ground to suggest all

Rabida, which is about seventy-five to

one hundred feet above the water's

edge and for enough back to permit of

which was done last year, and a new

pier put there; and now the place

where Columbus was undoubtedly a

guest is in better shape than it has

scraped while I was there and many

mural paintings of an early age in art

disclosed. A good deal that was mys-

such as vaults to bury the dead. In

that building the carpentry was re-

stored in several of the rooms, notably

the prior's parlor and sitting-room, and

in his office at the front of the con-

vent, whence he saw Columbus out-

side. In brief, Rabida in Spain is a

strong-looking, high object on the top

of a hill, a good ways back from the

water, and with the monument to Co-

lumbus built last year rising conspicu-

onsly by its side, which can be seen

from linelys, three miles opposite, an

important town; and it is also three

miles from Palos, a little hill village

In Chicago Rabida is a whitewashed-

looking building, low-pitched and not

many feet above the water, which has

been made to come in like a dock and

find everything very much as at Palos.

The sculleries, stables, etc., are not to

be seen, but the center or enciente of

the convent is all here, and it is filled

with printings and relies leading to

the central idea, which makes the Chi-

engo Rabida one of the greatest shrines

in the world at this moment. With a

trustfulness and a cordiality assuring

to the world, the descendants of Co-

lumbus, the monarchs of Spain and

sent to this distant spot things price-

ess as the utility of Columbus is de-

coloped more and more with centuries.

There is hardly a museum in the world

which rallies about its central idea

such a collection as this and a great

deal of it is due to the young news-

paper man. Curtin, who, meeting me

showed me through it in part.

accidentally in the convent here,

In Exhida I saw several paintings Il-

lustrative of the story of Columbus.

fifty or sixty years ago, and I judged

by the portraits of Queen Isabella and

her sister. Montpensier being there,

that the Montpensiers, as a sop to the

Spanish, had these pictures made. Cur-

good enough for this purpose, and he

has also but copies made of nearly

everything in or alcout bpain which

would pictorialize Columbus, and he

set to work Capt. Front: Mullson and

other compals alread, who were in ad-

vantareous places, to proceed scaterial.

and the result is something surprising:

the name 'America.' This man up

here, whose portrait you see painted,

was a bridge builder in Saint Die,

France, and he had got down to Paris,

and there he sper an account of the

Singureer of America by American Ven-

post. When he got back to Saint the,

he found a numb, whose pirture I also

show you here, about publishing a

little book or geography, in 1807. Co-

hunbus was about that time dying

observely in Spain. The monk was

very giant of the information, and he

put it in his book, which said in

"Here has book which first contains

Naid he to me:

They were hardly painted more than

other countries and the pope have

the Chicago convent, however,

As soon as you get in the chapel of

inclose it.

which furnished Columbus' sailors.

terious was found under the floors.

The walls were fully

broad, inclined planes to be built to it,

the title."Also Four Voyages of Americus Verpuei. Now," said Curtis, pointing out the book itself, bere in pointing out the book itself, here in Latin you see the first suggestion that America be called for Americus, and it says this: 'Now that these parts have been more widely explored, and another foreth part discovered by Americus Vesquecius, I do not see why we should refuse to name it America; namely, the land Americas or America, for its discoverer, Americus, a man of sagacious mind, since both Europe and tsis derive their names from women."

ture of the man who printed the book," pointing out another oil painting of life pointing out another oil painting of life size. 'Here is a picture of oid Saint Die, with walls and towers around it, where all that took place. Here is a picture of Duke Rene, of Lorraine, who founded the society which published the American book. This man, by the way, overthrew the duke of Burgundy, by cailing in the Swiss to aid him. Here are some coins of Rene. Here I have had painted the church in Saint Die. Now I have Seint Die as it now stands painted. Here is a picture of the house of the man who printed the

"Now." said Curtis, "here is a ple-

book which named America. We next came to two portraits of Americus Vespueius, resembling each other, and yet not the same. "Now, this portrait which you see here was painted by a pupil of Michael Angelo, Bronzino. One of our consuls named Lester, wrote the life of Vespueius and got his portrait, which he sold to Mr. his bright architects, many old Maguire, of Washington. The other chateaux and broken palaces. The portrait belongs to Mr. Colton of

Washington City, who bought it in

Venice. New you know that in the course of time Elina Venpucius, one of

his descendants, came to Washington

to lobby for a grant of land. Here is

her petition for the grant. Here is the

report of the committee, rejecting it."
"I see that you have some things

which belong to this country, and yet

was first buried in Schille, and his re-

mains afterward disinterred and taken

to San Domingo, and then taken up

and put in a box of iron, and the ashes

carefully assorted and placed in a lit-

tle jewel box. Now, three pinches of

those ashes were taken out with the

fingers, and one of the pinches belongs

to a man in the state of New York who in some way had been acquainted

with the ecclesiastic who disinterred

the remains. He has lent us those

ilar cashet; and I also had the box in

which "the ashes of Columbus were

taken up exactly reproduced, and here

All books Columbus is known to have

used are shown in the original or

copies in this collection. The pope

has sent here cordially many things,

among others a letter written by Pope

Nichelas in the year 1448, long before

Columbus, to some Irish bishop, con-

cerning the church in Greenland. The

bull which Pope Borgia issued, divid-

ing America between Spain and

Portugal, is here, with a map-not a

copy, but the original. The busts of

that pope, and all persons concerned

in the matter, are given. Letters

from various other popes commanding

American matters are shown. The

first map in the world which shows

America upon it, in that word, is

given here. All the books of Ptolemy,

belonging to Mr. Thacher, of Albany,

are here to be seen, and an original copy of the life of Columbus, by his

BETTER THAN SCHOOLS.

The Many Lessons Taught By the

World's Fair.

There is semething selemn in the

thought that when we go to the world's

fair we see about all that man is

proud of. He has been on the planet

more thousands of years than Moses

thought to be in eternity, but after

all he has very little to show.

istic reformer dooms to destruction.

Whatever he painted before the sixth

century after Jesus Mahomet declared

to be an abomination, and said it was

profacity for any man to copy what

God had made. Mahomet's supposition

was that everything had been made

just as we see it, and therefore he was

an orthodox man. This set the Arabe,

and their proselytes by the sword, to

making circles and squares, and thus

edistructed geometrical lines on which

the earths are worked, or rather work

each other. So Mahomet beat him-

self; he thought to have every living

being rejoice only in his wisdom, and

behold, the Moorish doctors put Aris-

totle. Thales and Malmonides away

above him. "This Mahomet," said the

doctors of his own sect, "did not know

how to turn around, he was worse then

a mule that you have to blind and back

When the Moore had excefully writ-

ten down all which they had found out

about algebra, astronomy and the au-

clusts, the church men of Ferdinand

and imbella collected all that know-

ledge and burnt it in the fire, not to be

revenged upon the Moslems who had

burnt the Alexandrian library, which

Gilden denies, but from sheer betred of

knowledge and of a fellow rose. Mr.

Webb, who has come back from Ceylon

to preach Mahomet, is only one of the

influences which will make man revolt

at himself when he sees her much

knowledge has been destroyed by dog-

matiem. The rise of the various schools

of African conquerors which invaded

flavore sounds to those who read in the

present day like what has taken place.

in contresporare the share. A man went

leto a sity, new perished, on the boy-

ders of the desert Sahara, and saw sit-

ting in a school a person of grave and impremite aspect, who addressed him "Friend, whence come you?" "I come

into a converance."

Whatever he tries to do some spiritual-

llegitimate son. Ferdinand.

'Oh, res; you know that Columbus

are Columbian?"

BABIDA CONVENT.

from Cornews, in the land of the west-ern caliphs." "Has not destruction yet come upon the rulers there?" asked the banished teacher. "If it has not come, come it will. They drove wis-dom from them. Me they banished from the land of my fathers to this sel-itude, because I was a pupil of that wise, great man. Ihe Roshd; oh. God." exclaimed the banished teacher, "throw downs away the learned and them who drove away the learned and The stranger went away, and in an

age of miracles he thought of himself:
"Perhaps I can be the agent to accomplish that revolution, which must, no doubt, take place, for I perceived by that tencher's countcinnee that he was sincere." Thinking much about the matter, the stranger kept his eye on the boys wherever he went, until he found one who seemed to be bold, gentle and strong, as well as beautiful. This boy he took back into the Atlas mountains and trained him like another Mahomet, to overthrow the dynasty which ruled Spain. Then came the Almo Lades, who atterly destroyed the bigoted caliple, and they set to work all through the conquered empires to find the few remaining books of wisdom which had been so victously burnt by their forerunners. In this exhibition are shown the vestiges of vanished civilizations, the



PRANCE AND GERMANY SIDE BY SIDE.

arches in the mosques, the temples of Egyptian Thebes, what the Assyrians have left over, and the finger rings and lamps of the kings. In the arts man is not doing much more than the periched races. Every nation shows its vases, painted by pictures in outlines or in colors, and fashionings in clay, such as busts, images of gods no longer wershiped, and the playful deities made between man's fancies and feers. The lares which we are now making all over, without knowing it, to decorate our homes.

Man's improvement has been made in the elements, of which there were only four in the time of Columbus, and every element, like Artemus Ward's animals, is found to have a beautiful moral. By separating earth, water and fire man has set lessons for himself for many a year to come. Not a single fact appears to have been learned by man of benefit to his living existence except what was material. We should know nothing about astronomy but that a man made leases, which he ground so that they magnified, and Gallleo got one of these and saw satellites to other worlds, and reasoned that we had satelliter, too, and finally that we revolve and that mechanics was very interesting theology. This exhibition is in much a repetition. every nation taking in hand that take right before it. In this country our business was to annihilate distance, and therefore we are strong in all things of inland transportation, in telegraphy and the electrical devices of all sorts. In machinery we gather extensive crops, and to weave and make up what the fields have produced. Europe, divided into many nations, has the everlasting task of war before it, and she is strong in engines of war, in mighty guns, in bullet-proof jackets and in lances. Other nations, like Spain, merely come here with what they once had, gathered from their old armories and the ruins of places they have destroyed. Man is not much honored by posterity, except for his achievements. What is discernible, above everything else here, is the general peace of civilization, due in much to disregard of the old sources of contention. After all, the greatest power visible in this world's fair is that of



THIS SET THE ARADS THINKING.

money. No people are above wanting a currency which they can take home. no matter where ther live, and find it to be as good there as here. If you go to Buffalo BBI's show, just outside the fair, and see him, not only with his American Indians and comboys and United States soldiers, but with his Consacks, Arabs, Syrjans, etc., you must reason that what brought all those people, flying the flags of different nations, into a common arena, was the coin which gave then employment. There may have been minor influences at work, such as pride of nationality and of personal strength, but to be fed, clothed, sheltered and mounted, and to be able to save a little semething to take back, size the prime inducments. In like manner the people of the nations, and frequently the inracion of one nation by another, are the results of needs. The fall of the Roman couples was caused by the Borbers gottime loose and falling upon the Goths, who were banked up against the Roman frontier, and the Romana would not let the Gotha come in. from tyratiny of race and edict, and the Goths said: "We must ertic in for our women and children are being murdered," and when they came in Rome disappeared and Kome became

As the newest nation of the world, The S.R. to Sp. in Every seeming

taking into our composition all the other nations, we learn from this fair how ineradicable is heredity. As you how ineradicable is heredity. As you go from school to school here, you see that every nation regulates its commonest custom on some almost immutable form. The herber turns up the toes of his shoes, the Hindso and Chinaman build their steeples like lines of successive crocks. The Turk and Moor can conceive of no other arch than the horseshoe and the moon. The Frenchman does very little that has not a rensuous idea in it; the Englishman must be didactic, like John Wretiffe, and covetous at the same time, or he is not happy. The Spaniard will have blood, like his Carthagintan and Roman forefathers. The Italian will work in macaroni and plaster The Garcian must be cating and drinking; some must get drunk nationally. and some most dance nationally, and it

is all heredity.

Yet, in examining all these versatile products, we think we see a channel through the history of nations which, however frozen or foggy for periods at last clears itself and comes forward. It is the channel of knowledge co-operating with the channel of trade The exchange of the products of warm and cold countries, which has been going on from before any time of recorded istory, yet controls the world, and the arts are like sugar upon the child's cake, to assist this action. The Greek and his contemperaries to the east in India and China, the Italian, who succeciled the Greek when the Greek had lost his nationality through being conquered by the Turk and the Arab, these are the powers that still control great exhibitions. All the effective architecture you see is Greek, modified by Italy. Wherever a building is to be decorated here by nimble fingers, which have inherited the fauciful friction of art, you see Italians doing the work. From Italy the channel comes onward to France, and perhaps the greatest name in modern history is that of the king of France who brought the arts from Italy to his own country. A vicious fellow in himself, unchaste, untrue, egotistical, Francis I, has more credit with mankind for bringing the artists out of Italy than the United States will derive for having induced such a stream of heterogeneous immigration to its shores. So Spain had her brief and glorious day, when she became a disciple to the Italian's idea and gave him three poor little barks to try the western main with. So England, knowing nothing herself except murder and rapine, at the conclusion of the war of roses allowed some refugee Italians in its port to take the king's signet, and go otherwise unpaid, to discover the United States for him. Whatever the Moors learned they derived from the Greeks, and the Italians got in by the Moors from the back door. We look at the variety of vases here from all nations, and find that what the Greeks did not know about a vase it is useless for later nations to try to find.

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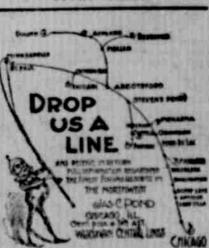
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